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SYSTEM AND METHOD )

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003, the period for reply extending through May 13, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 3, 4, 10, 14, 17, 18, 24, 27, 28, 34, 37, 38, and 44, without prejudice or disclaimer; amend claims 2, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 25, 26, 35, 36, 45, and 46; and add new claims 47-52 as follows:

--2. (Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the external tubular structure contact areas on the inner elongated structure are constructed of Pellethane.

11. (Amended) A system for delivering a stent into an anatomical structure, the system comprising:

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